AN ABERRATIONAL LOVE COMEDY WHERE

HATE AND FATE

COME HAND-IN-HAND!

A NEW ONESHOT BY THE ARTIST OF "LIMINEKO NO NAKU KORO NI CHIRU EP5,"

AKI TAKA!

恨み来、恋、恨み恋。

I HATED IT.

I HATED THAT HATEFUL FAMILY.

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HATED IT.

HATED IT.

I HATED IT.

HATE HATE HATE HATE

THAT'S GREAT.

IF I'M GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, THEN I'LL ACCEPT IT.
IF THAT'S WHAT'LL MAKE US EVEN,
THEN HAVE YOUR REVENGE.

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THIS IS...

…?

I'M SURE I WAS...

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WHY IS HE...!?

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SORRY
...

OH-

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!?

I MEAN,

MY CURIOSITY GOT THE BETTER OF ME... ER, HOW DO I SAY THIS...

I WAS JUST CURI-OUS ABOUT WHAT WAS ON YOUR HEAD...

CRAP... NOW I'VE DONE IT...

...SORRY!

BY THE WAY, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD SLEEP IN A BOY'S ROOM WITH YOUR BELLY COMPLETELY EXPOSED.

NEKUNI KYOUICHI

?

AT THE ENEMY'S HOUSE..!?

BUT WHY AM I...

SUCH... SUCH A HATEFUL GUY.

SFX: DING DONG

SO YOU SHOULD HIDE FOR NOW, OR THINGS WILL GET...

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HUH!?

YOU SAID IT WAS ONLY UNTIL TODAY'S SUNSET, DIDN'T YOU!?

HEY,

SHI... HIDE YOURSELF, QUICK!

!!?

SFX: DING DONG DING DONG DING DONG

DAMN YOU... TO HAVE THE NERVE TO START ATTACKING KYOUICHI AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE DAY.

BUT UNFORTU-NATELY, ANY BEAST THAT DARES HURT HIM...

Wah

WILL HAVE EVERY LIMB OF THEIR BODY TORN APART AND ROLLED UP TO BE THROWN IN HELL BY YOURS TRU...

...HUH?

USHIKURA AYAKA

IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, YOU SEE,

SO THAT I COULD GIVE THE NECK OF WHOEVER IT IS THAT'S TARGETING MY KYOUICHI-SAN A NICE, SWIFT TWIST.

DROP THAT DANGEROUS EXPRESSION.

And your what?

YOU'LL BE PAYING FOR THAT.

YOU'RE ALWAYS BREAKING SOMETHING, AYAKA...

I'M SORRY...

BUT I HAD MY REASONS.

SEEMS LIKE I MANAGED TO TRANSFORM IN TIME...

HEEH... THAT'S SO NICE...

I PICKED HER UP YESTERDAY.

Keep it a secret.

O-OH.

I HATE MYSELF FOR BEING SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES...

THE CHANCES THAT SHE'S ALSO AN ENEMY ARE HIGH.

MORE IMPORTANTLY,

WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS CAT WITH YOU?

IF THE HEAD FAMILY EVER FINDS OUT ABOUT IT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN TROUBLE.

YOU SEE...

IT SEEMS THAT A YOUKAI FROM OUTSIDE CAME TO THIS CITY LAST NIGHT...

SO?

WHAT WAS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAD TO BREAK DOWN THE DOOR TO GET IN FOR?

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AH.

RIGHT.

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PRETTY UNUSUAL FOR A YOUKAI TO COME FROM OUTSIDE.

YEAH, AND THIS YOUKAI ALSO HAS A GRUDGE AGAINST YOUR FAMILY, OR RATHER...

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY ABOUT HOW THE TWELVE CITY AND TWELVE FAMILIES CAME ABOUT?

LONG AGO, THERE WAS A DEVASTATED, YET HUGE PLOT OF LAND.

THE LAND GOD WHO RULED OVER THAT LAND COULDN'T HANDLE THE WHOLE THING BY HIMSELF,

SO HE CHOSE TWELVE OF THE FAMILIES WHICH HAD THE NAMES OF ANIMALS IN THEIR NAMES, AND HAD THEM MANAGE THE LAND AS THE YEARS PASSED.

HIS METHOD OF SELECTING WAS SIMPLY TO SEE WHICH ONES GOT REACHED HIM FIRST.

IN THE END, THE FIRST TO ARRIVE WAS THE RAT FAMILY, WHICH OUTSMARTED THE REST BY RIDING ON THE OX FAMILY'S BACK.

AFTER THE RAT CAME THE OX, AND THEN THE TIGER, RABBIT, DRAGON, SNAKE, HORSE, GOAT, MONKEY, ROOSTER, DOG, AND LASTLY, THE PIG.

BECAUSE OF THIS, THE LAND GOD, WHO HAD LOST HIS TEMPER, BANISHED THEM FROM HIS LAND.

ONCE THE CAT FAMILY LEARNED THEY HAD BEEN DECEIVED, THEY GREW UNCONTROLLABLY VIOLENT WITH ANGER.

THE TWELVE FAMILIES WERE THUS DECIDED, BUT THE CAT FAMILY MISTOOK THE DATE ON WHICH TO COME DUE TO BEING DECEIVE BY THE RAT.

AND EVENTUALLY BECAME A YOUKAI.

THROUGH THAT HATRED, THE CAT SOON FELL INTO DEPRAVITY,

AND SO, DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS, THE CAT GREW TO DO NOTHING BUT HATE THE RAT FAMILY.

HOW HATEFUL OF ME FOR HAVING FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED...

AND THAT CAT'S OBJECTIVE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT WAS LONG AGO.

...I REMEMBERED WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT.

THAT'S WHAT THE KIND OF YOUKAI KNOWN AS THE "HATEFUL CAT" IS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE RAT FAMILY, FIRST OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES. YOU, NEKUNI KYOUICHI-SAN.

THE HATEFUL CAT YOUKAI THAT I AM,

ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO KILL YOU DUE TO ITS HATE.

AND THAT HATEFUL GUY.

THE HEAD OF THE HATEFUL RAT FAMILY...!

I CAME HERE LAST NIGHT TO KILL, BECAUSE OF THIS HATE,

HM?

HUH?

IF THAT'S WHAT'LL MAKE US EVEN, THEN HAVE YOUR REVENGE.

IF I'M GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, THEN I'LL ACCEPT IT.

NO, YOU SEE, IF YOU LISTEN TO STORY OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES, THEN MY FAMILY IS IN THE WRONG.

ARE YOU WAVERING..?

WHY ARE YOU BURDENING A YOUKAI BY GIVING TWO REPLIES

THEN DON'T DO THAT BIT. HOW ABOUT WHATEVER YOU WANT, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T KILL ME?

HMM? OH...

YOU KNOW THAT YOUR DEATH IS THE GOAL OF MY REVENGE, AND THAT'S THE ANSWER YOU GIVE?

A. ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT?

FOR USING *THAT* POWER.

DOESN'T THAT PLACE US COMPLETELY IN THE DEBT OF THE CAT?

PLUS, I CAN KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D HATE THE FAMILY OF THE RAT

THE POWER THE HEAD OF RAT FAMILY, FIRST OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES, WAS GRANTED BY THE LAND GOD, "EXECUTION OF ENFORCEMENT."

KNEEL AND LOWER YOUR HEAD.

IT'S A POWER THAT USES A STRONG KOTODAMA TO ENFORCE A COMPULSORY HIERARCHY,

FORCING THE OTHER PARTY TO OBEY THEIR ORDERS.

IT'LL WORK ON ANYONE, EVEN IF THEY TRY TO RESIST. ARB OF A HIGHER RANK, OR HAVE BELIEFS THAT GO AGAINST WHAT THEY'RE BEING FORCED TO DO.

POPS WOULD USE THAT POWER ON ANY YOUKAI THAT TARGETED THIS LAND AND ANYONE THAT WOULD BECOME DETRIMENTAL TO THIS CITY, YOU SEE.

ALMOST LIKE HE'D USE IT WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT ON ANYONE WHO'D GO AGAINST H.M.

...IT'S NO WONDER SOMEONE WOULD HATE THAT GUY.

THAT'S WHAT'S POINTLESS.

I'D RIP OUT YOUR THROAT BEFORE YOU EVEN MANAGED TO SPEAK...

IT'S POINTLESS TO EVEN TRY TO USE THAT POWER RIGHT NOW

I NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION OF USING IT.

AND I JUST DON'T LIKE HAVING SOME HIERARCHICAL RELATIONSHIP WHERE I GIVE ORDERS

WITHOUT EVEN LISTENING TO WHAT THE OTHER PARTY HAS TO SAY.

I'LL HAVE YOU PROVE TO ME THAT YOUR CURRENT ATTI TUDE ISN'T JUST AN ACT AND THAT YOU AREN'T JUST SOME COWARDLY RAT.

HEAR THAT? I'M ONLY POSTPONING THIS UNTIL SUNSET.

. THEN

I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL SUNSET TOMORROW TO PROVE THAT TO ME

BUT IF YOU DON'T, I'LL RIP OUT YOUR THROAT AND KILL YOU.

IF YOU MANAGE TO DO THAT, I'LL OVER-LOOK YOU AND YOUR PUNY LIFE.

GRRRUMBLE

BUT I WILL NOT LET A COWARDLY SOUL OF TRASH THAT ONLY KEEPS UP APPEAR-ANCES OUT OF MY SIGHT! FOR THE WHOLE DAY, YOU'LL FEARFULLY

AH-

CRAP-

HYAH!?

AH-

STO-

PEN.

A GIRL CAME OUT FROM THE CAT!? JUST HOW THE HELL DOES SOME-THING LIKE THIS HAP...

AMAZING ...!

Huh? What, that? She has cat ears?

A...

HEY... WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO NOW?

You can't even catch the last train.

'AND SHE'S BARE-FOOT...

AH,

JM..

...!

SHE HAS NO JACKET

NO...

DID SHE COME HERE ALL THE WAY FROM OUTSIDE LOOKING LIKE THAT?

THERE'S NO WAY THE HATEFUL CAT COULD BE FROM THIS CITY

...?

SLEEP OUTSIDE...

UWAAH, SHE'S HOPELESS.

Wi-ll-ll...

WILL..

WILL...

I... Wi-ll...

AH...

MY HOME'S RIGHT UP THERE, SO I'LL AT LEAST LET YOU BORROW MY BED.

I also have some instant noodles.

HUP.

HYAN!?

NO HELPING IT...

AND I GET THE FEELING THAT SHE'S GOING TO BE PECKED AT BY THE BIRDS...

IT'S THOSE INEVITABLE TIMES THAT I'M HERE FOR.

OH, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

TO THINK THAT AFTER THAT, I ATE UNTIL I WAS FULL AND SLEPT DEFENSELESSLY HOW HATEFUL HOW VERY HATEFUL OF ME...

I'm gonna take a bath, so you can eat that.

Ate everything

THIS GIRL...! I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT...

BUT SHE'S THE HEAD OF THE OX FAMILY...!

YOU CAN LEAVE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING TO ME, USHIKURA AYAKA.

THE HEAD OF THE OX FAMILY, WHICH HAS BEEN TOGETHER WITH THE RAT FAMILY SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES.

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RIGHT?

THERE REALLY ISN'T ANY WAY FOR THAT TYPE OF YOUKAI TO MOVE AROUND DURING THE DAY...

I'M ONLY DOING IT BECAUSE THIS ENTIRE PLACE HAS THE EYES OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES SHINING ON IT.

AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D STAY UNDER CONSTANT SUPERVISION RIGHT FROM THE MORNING

WELL THEN, I'M GOING ON AHEAD SINCE I HAVE SOME CLUB ACTIVITIES TODAY

TH... THAT'S IT, THAT'S EXACTLY IT

I GUESS

AS LONG AS THERE'S SOMEONE STRONG AROUND, YOU CAN BE AT EASE.

WELL, I SUPPOSE SO

SO AROUND TWILIGHT, OR IN OTHER WORDS, AT LEAST UNTIL 6 PM, IT SHOULD BE SAFE.

GOT IT? S-

UNTIL THE SITUATION COOLS DOWN, WE'LL ALLLWAYS COME HOME TOGETHER.

S...SO,

...SURE, FINE.

!

HEY,

A strap?

AYAKA FORGOT SOMETHING HERE, SO I'M GOING AFTER HER FOR A.

AH.

LOOKS LIKE I MANAGED TO GET THROUGH UNNOTICED

Put back in place

DON'T MAKE NEEDLESS CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE

OR I'LL CUT OFF YOUR NECK.

THERE'S SOMETHING AROUND MY NECK...!?

...!?

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GOTCHA.

Eh

I'll give this back another time

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SO I'M GOING TO LEND YOU A-

I'M GOING TO SCHOOL SOON TOO,

THAT AS DE,

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I KND OF HAD A FEELING ABOUT IT, BUT ARE YOJ...

JAC-

KET.

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TA-

TAKE A HINT!

I'M A HELPLESSLY SHY PERSON.

YOU'RE REALLY IMPOSING WHEN YOU'RE A CAT, AREN'T YOU.

...I DON'T REALLY WANT TO SAY THIS... BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY AROUND IT.

TO SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME... WHAT A HATEFUL GUY.

Ears tucked away

OH, RIGHT, YOUR NAME.

?

I FORGOT TO ASK EARLIER, BUT DO YOU HAVE A NAME OR SOMETHING?

I'm Kyouichi, by the way.

FOR HIM TO GO TO SCHOOL UNDER THESE CONDITIONS...

HE'S A REALLY HATEFUL GUY...

恨み来、恋、恨み恋。

IT'S LIKE I'M NOT REALLY TALKING TO THEM...

OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT...?

?

THIS S THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE'S EVER ASKED ME THAT...

WH... WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MY NAME...?

NO WAY, THAT'S NO NAME.

IF.. IF YOU WANT SOME NAME, YOU CAN JUST CALL ME "HATEFUL CAT" .

WHAT'S HIS DEAL...

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I ALSO CALL THEM ALL BY THEIR FIRST NAMES, DON'T I.

Even Ayaka.

MAYBE T'S BECAJSE I MEET A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH THE SAME SURNAME AMONG THE TWELVE FAMILIES WHEN I GO AROUND WITH THEM...?

NAAAH.

HEEH.

NATSJ-HO.

I'LL REMEM-BER IT.

..NA-

NATSJHO.

HE GIVES ME FOOD AND LENDS ME CLOTHES

IT'S NEKOGASAK... NATSJHO.

THERE

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND HERE...?

!!?

THERE ARE BARELY ANY PEOPLE WALK-ING AROUND IN MY HOMETOWN, EVEN IN THE MORNING...!

hometown

WHAT A VAGUE, HATEFUL GUY...

Oh

What's that crowd over there?

I CAN'T CALM DOWN.

I-I CAN'T CALM DOWN.

HO... HOW HATEFUL ..

TO THE STATI

H-HOW FAR IS IT

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HE-HEY...

HUH!?

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HJH-

S-SOR-

WAAAH!?

hyah-

H... HOW... HOW HATEFUL HE IISSS!

Awesome, a TV news channel is coming! Oh, I know that reporter!

TH-THA... THAT GUY...!! WHAT IS HE...!

WHY IS THE SITUATION LIKE THIS...?

I'M THE ONE AT FAULT FOR STRAYING OUT OF CURIOSITY, BUT...

STRANGE...

HEY, NATSU...

AH-

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INSTEAD OF ASK.NG IF YOU'RE ALRIGHT OR NOT..

I THINK YOJ SHOULD HIDE YOJR BACK .F YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO H.DE YOUR HEAD...

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THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HAD TOLD ME YOU WERE THAT BAD WITH CROWDS..

SO...SORRY FOR WANDER-ING OFF ALL OF MY OWN.

WISH...

.F YOJ...

YOU CAN RUN AWAY... RIGHT NOW...

I GUESS SHE COULDN'T TRANSFORM EITHER WITH THAT MANY PEOPLE AROUND.

RUN...

AWAY,

BJ... BJT,

IT'D BE... JSELESS, AS I... AS I KIND OF KNO... KNOW

WHE.. WHERE YOU... YOJ

LIVE.

THEN I'LL STOP HERE FOR A BIT.

YOU'VE GOT TO WATCH ME UNTIL SUNSET, RIGHT?

WELL, WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I'M THE BAD GUY.

Urgh...

My curiosity got the better of me again...

Well, I guess I'm still the bad guy no matter how you look at this situation...

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AH-

SEEMS THAT IF SHE GOT ANYWHERE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY, SHE'D FAINT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...

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JHH... HOW HATE-FUL I AM...

SCARED OF CROWDS...

A-AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'M...

THANKS TO ME, WE WERE LATE FOR THE TRAIN...

I...

I'M .. SORRY.

SO WERE YOU ANY BETTER IN YOUR HOME-TOWN?

YOU'D BE REJECTED

EVEN IF YOU EXPECTED SOMETHING

IF NO ONE GOT CLOSE TO ANYONE,

NO PROBLEMS WOULD COME UP...

EVERYONE KEPT THEIR DISTANCE AND REJECTED EACH OTHER

...NO,

THE ONLY FACES I KNEW WERE THOSE OF THE OTHER KIDS...

THERE WERE FAR, FAR FEWER PEOPLE AROUND...

...IN MY HOME-TOWN,

...I HATED IT.

IF YOU GOT CLOSE TO ANYONE, YOU'D FACE A HATEFUL END.

WITHOUT... FAIL.

EVEN SO, THERE M.GHT HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO'D GET CLOSE TO OTHERS...

...THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO SA.D THAT.

BJT THEY ALSO

HAD A HATEFUL DISAPPEAR-ANCE IN THE END.

..ALRIGHT,

I GUESS I'LL SKIP CLASS TODAY.

I'm already late, anyway.

...?

LET'S GO TO THE FRONT OF THE STATION.

AND FIND THEM TO BE GOOD.

WELL, I THINK THAT YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND .F YOU EAT THOSE TERR BLE-LOOKING SWEETS

.....?

AN... AND WHY WOULD I EVEN EVEN WANT THOSE TERRIBLE SWEETS. .?

LET'S GO EAT SOME

IT M.GHT SEEM TERRIBLE AT A FIRST, BUT THERE'S A STORE THAT MAKES SOME DELICIOUS JAPANESE SWEETS.

D... DON'T COME CLOSE, YOU HATE-FUL ..

I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO ASSUME THAT SOME-THING IS BAD

AND DO NOTHING TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.

COME ON, NATSUHO.

HE'S...

BUT

HURTS A LOT

EXPECTING SOMETHING JUST TO BE REJECTED LATER

HATEFUL.

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S...

.....

S-SO

EVEN IF THAT CHANGED

MY VALUES...

IF I'M GOING TO EXPECT SOMETHING JUST FOR IT TO BE TORN TO SHREDS

THAT'S RIGHT

...EVEN

THEN...

WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL ME AS SOON AS YOU MET ME...?

THEN I SHOULD JUST SLASH IT BEFOREHAND.

I'M OF THE CAT FAMILY, AND YOU...

ARE OF THE RAT FAMILY.

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY

OTHER THAN TO GIVE YOU A HATEFUL...

DEATH.

HEAR THAT? I'M ONLY POSTPONING THIS UNTIL SUNSET

HE'S GOT NO SENSE OF TENSION AT ALL... HOW HATEFUL..

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THAT .. REALLY SURPRISED ME

...SORRY, I'M GOING TO THE RESTROOM FOR A BIT.

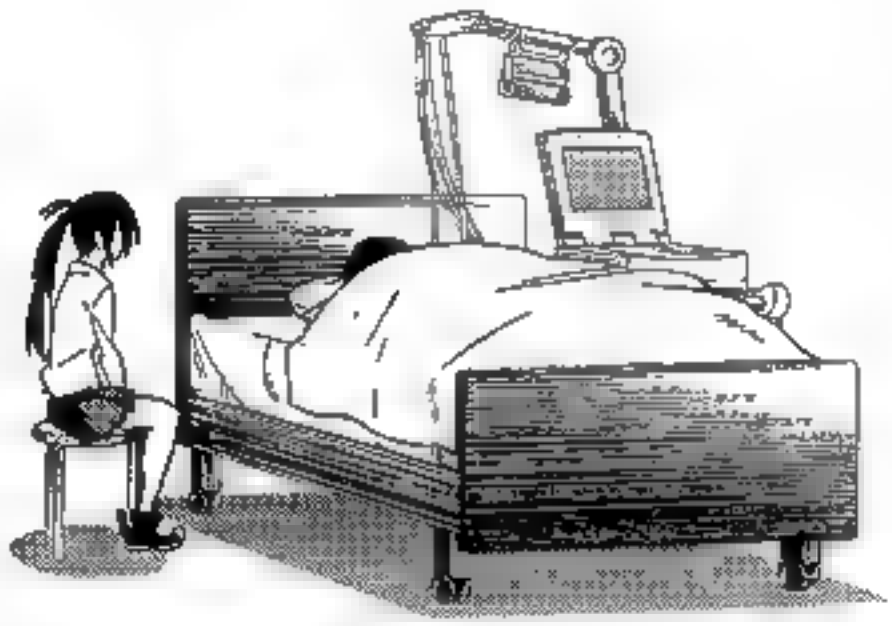
WAS I THE ONE WHO GAVE MYSELF MORE TIME TO THINK BECAUSE I WASN'T READY TO KILL HIM?

BUT WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO IT

WAS I THE ONE WHO WANTED TO POSTPONE IT?

MY MOTHER WAS NO EXCEPTION.

LIKE A DISEASE THAT IMPULSE WOULD GROW STRONGER AS THE YEARS WENT BY.



THE PEOPLE OF THE CAT FAMILY WHO BECAME HATEFUL. CATS HAD IN THEIR HEARTS THE IMPULSE TO HATE PEOPLE.

WE BECAME ESTRANGED FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

AND MY FATHER GREW AS SILENT AS A STATUE.

IT GOT EVEN WORSE ONCE SHE BECAME I...

SHE WOULD SAY MORE AND MORE HATEFUL WORDS AS THE DAYS PASSED.

LEAVING HER HATE AND WISH BEHIND MY MOTHER LEFT THIS WORLD.

GIVE THE FAMILY OF THE RAT, THE SOURCE OF IT ALL, A HATEFUL DESTRUCTION.

SEVER THIS CURSE AND BECOME HAPPY.

HELLO THERE.

?...

THE- LO- HEL-

RE...

IS.

WH

WHA-
WHAT

IT?

...?

I HEARD THAT THE ANIMAL WHO'S BEEN MEANING TO HURT THE ONE I SERVE HAD SHOWN UP.

SO I CAME BACK IN A RUSH...

BUT MAYBE I WAS WRONG...?

S'A HATEFUL ENEMY

IT'S HATEFUL CAT

TO RIDICULE THE CAT FAMILY IN FRONT OF ME YOU'RE EXTREMELY HATEFUL

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THIS HOSTILITY..

THIS VOICE.

FATEFUL CAT?

ERM.., ITS NAME WAS, WHAT WAS IT...

THIS WOMAN

SORRY, I PROVOKED YOU WITHOUT THINKING.

OH, SO I WAS RIGHT.

...YOU'RE REALLY HATEFUL.

IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE YOU WERE SORRY AT ALL...

...HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?

OF COURSE A SUSPICIOUS WOMAN WOULD STAND OUT IF SHE WERE SEEN TOGETHER WITH THE HEAD OF THE RAT FAMILY

YOU SHOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE THE NETWORK OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES.

WELL, ENOUGH ABOUT THAT...

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I WASN'T?

I WOULDN'T HAVE HESI-TATED!

FOR MY HATRED!

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE IT!?

FOR THE SAKE OF THE ONE WHO'S PRECIOUS TO ME,

BE READY TO BE SUP-PRESSED TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

SUCH INTENSE HOSTILITY.

YOU TOO. I HOPE YOU'RE READY.

F ONLY HE HAD HAD THAT ..

READY FOR...?

THIS IS BAD...

WHERE HAS SHE GONE...?

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Oh, a message from Ayaka

I JUST CAN'T GIVE YOJ A GOOD HIT...

HMMM ..

HOW WE,RD

THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM THE FAM LY OF THE OX, KNOWN FOR TS MON-STROUS STRENGTH.

I THOUGHT SHE HAD SOME SORT OF NSTRU MENT N IT BUT TO MY S RPR SE

THAT CASE

THAT SHE'D WAVE THAT HUGE THING AROUND, THAT IS...!

YOU'RE QUICK,

AS EX-PECTED FROM A CAT.

DON'T BE PRESSURED BY THE APPEARANCE.

THAT THING SHOULD BE HEAVY...

THE TIME SHE NEEDS TO SWING IT.

WILL LEAVE HER WITH A HUGE OPENING!!

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SHE'S HANDLING IT LIKE A BAMBOO STICK! WITHOUT BEING SWAYED BY THE WEIGHT..!

HOW HATE-FUL...!

...IN THAT CASE.

LOOKS LIKE IT'LL TAKE A WHI...

THIS

I TRIED TO BAIT HER WITH THAT HUGE OPENING, BUT...

A CAT IS NOTHING IF NOT WARY...

JUST WHAT HAP-PENED..?

!?

WAH-

KYAH!?

AH-

WAI-

WA-

HYA-

THE ONE I'M SUPPRESSING

IS A YOUKAI THAT LIES OUTSIDE OF COMMON SENSE.

!!

...I MESSED UP.

I ALMOST FORGOT...

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I WANTED TO HOLD BACK ON THE EXPENSES THIS MONTH, BUT...

The hateful cat appeared.
so I'm going to get rid of it
I'll make sure it won't leave
the west entrance!
For sure! (><

THERE ...!

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THAT GIRL... IT'S CLEAR THAT I HAVE THE ADVANTAGE HERE, AND YET SHE'S NOT GIVING UP AT ALL...

WHY IS SHE LETTING HERSELF GET ALL MESSED UP...?

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WH...

WHY

ARE YOU RIPPING MY UNIFORM...

LEAVING IT ALL MESSED UP

WHY ARE YOU GOING SO FAR TO SERVE THE RAT FAMILY?

IS IT BECAUSE THAT'S YOUR DUTY AS THE OX FAMILY...?

WHY

COULD IT BE THAT HER POWER IS A CLAW THAT CAN BE EXPANDED AND CONTRACTED FREELY...?

IF THE DOG FAMILY, THAT SPECIALIZES IN GETTING RID OF YOUKAI, WERE HERE, IT WOULD'VE GONE...

A DUST CLOUD...?

...

TO ME, THINGS LIKE FAMILIES ARE...

INDEED!

WHY..

..WEL..

.....

I GUESS I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THE TWELVE FAMILIES...

I DO MORE WHAT I WANT

IN WHATEVER WAY I WANT, I MEAN...

CARRYING OUT THE NEKOGASAKI FAMILY'S REVENGE IS ENOUGH!

JUST

HER REASONS DON'T MATTER...

WHY THE HELL DO I CARE ABOUT SUCH THINGS?

BUT IN THE END...

I'D OBVIOUSLY PROTECT THE MAN I FELL FOR!

OW..!

GIVING ME JUST AN INSTANT IS GOOD ENOUGH.

SHE'S USING HER CLOTHES AS A SHIELD...!? BUT EVEN IF YOU WRAP THEM AROUND YOU, IT BARELY MAKES A DIFFERENCE...

IF I'M ABLE TO CUT HER DOWN IN THAT INSTANT, IT'S 'ENOUGH!'

BASI-CALLY!

THE ONLY THING THAT'S MAKING ME DO THIS NOW!

IS!

MY OWN WILL!!

I DON'T HATE YOU,

SO

BUT IF I LET YOU KILL HIM, I'M SURE I WOULD.

I'LL KILL...

HOLD ON

A...

SEEEE-

COND!!

IS HE ABOUT TO USE HIS "EXECUTION OF ENFORCEMENT"...!?

THAT PATTERN ON HIS SKIN...

...AYAKA.

KYOUICHI-SAN...!?

WHY DID YOU COME HERE? I EVEN SENT YOU A MESSAGE..!

BECAUSE HE COULDN'T DEAL WITH ME, HE WAITED...

FOR THIS MOMENT—

I'LL PAY FOR THE BROKEN DOOR'S REPAIRS!!

THIS WILL MAKE US A BIT MORE EVEN!!

SO!

WHA-

AH-

UH-

THE BURDEN ON MY BODY IS...

I'M SUDDENLY LOSING MY STRENGTH...

I WON'T

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LIKE THIS.

WHAT ARE YOU...

BUT THIS IS THE POWER "CONFRONTATION OF EQUALITY" DEMANDS A CONFRONTATION ON EVEN TERMS

BY MAKING USE OF COMPENSATION.

"EXECUTION OF ENFORCEMENT" FORCES A HIERARCHY ON THE OTHER PARTY

THIS IS A POWER THAT RESEMBLES A KOTODAMA. JUST LIKE THE "EXECUTION OF ENFORCEMENT"

I. JUST LOST CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A MOMENT.

...GH.

I LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD

THIS POWER MAKES THE OTHER PARTY'S STRENGTH THE SAME AS THEIR OWN.

IN OTHER WORDS THIS MAKES THEM EQUAL.

AND BECAUSE KYOUICH-SAN WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY COMBAT STRENGTH WAS USED AS THE BASE FOR THE EQUIVALENCE.

OH, CLOSE.

!

ALMOST ALL OF MY POWER VANISHED...

!

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THIS... ISN'T ANYTHING NEW... BUT,

YEAH,

GOT IT.

WHERE THE SAVED KILLS THE SAVIOR..!!

I WILL NEEEEVER FORGIVE YOU IF THIS BECOMES ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE STORIES

HE'S HATEFUL

WHY DID HE DO ANYTHING TO ME..?

I DON'T GET THAT FEELING AT ALL

WAS I ORDERED TO DO SOMETHING THROUGH THE "EXECUTION OF ENFORCEMENT"..?

HE TRIES

OPEN IT

I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE!!

HATEFUL...

GA...
HAH-

HATEFUL.

IF I DON'T, I'LL DEFINITELY...

YOU IDIOT...

MOVING AROUND WITH THAT B.G OF A WOUND...

I'VE GOT NO INTENTION OF DYING, BUT...

A CAT LIKE YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHENEVER YOU WANT, TO A RAT LIKE ME...!

WHAT ?

BEGGING FOR YOUR LIFE NOW?

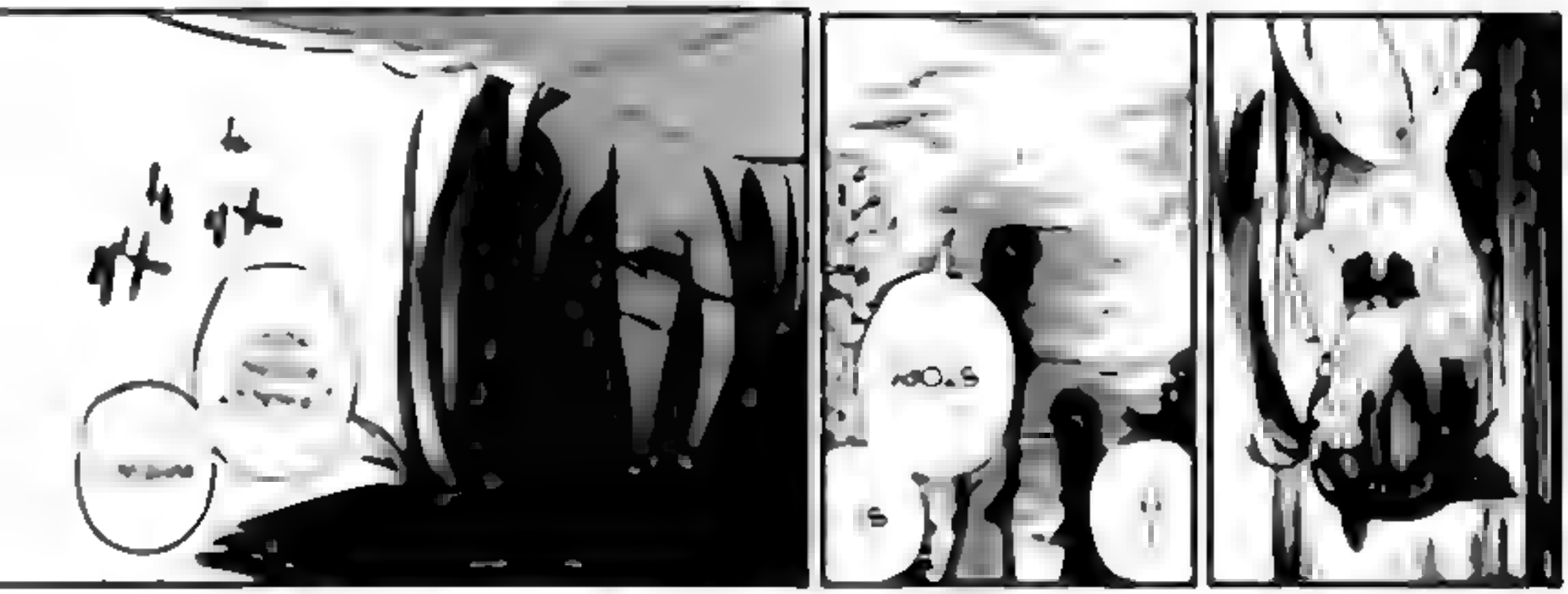
COUGH.

COUGH THAT'S NOT IT.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU PUSH YOURSELF SO MUCH THAT YOU DIE?

I TOLD YOU TO GO TO A HOSPITAL, YOU IDIOT!

EVEN NOW, HE'S...



THE HECK'S WITH THAT

HAH.

DON'T MAKE ME EXPLAIN. I HATE IT...

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SPEAK WE...

IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE...

IF...

LET'S GO TO THE...

MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'VE GOT ONE HECK OF AN INJURY

SHE KINDA.. FELL ASLEEP

I... I SEE.

OH.. OH, SHE'S FINE.

HJH?

...I MEAN, HOW DO I SAY THIS...

WHA... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OX GIRL...?

THESE WILL HEAL SOON.

IT'S... IT'S ALL RIGHT

HALF OF MY BODY IS YOUKAI...

...SUNSET.

...IT'S

THAT ASIDE...

DO YOU...

REMEMBER OUR TALK YESTERDAY?

YEAH. YOU SAID SOME-TH.NG ABOUT POSTPONING IT TILL SUNSET, RIGHT?

...YES.

BECAJSE YOL DIDN'T JSE YOUR "EXECJTION OF EN-FORCEMENT" OUT OF SOME POOR HABIT..

YOU, THE YOUNG AND HONEST HEAD OF THE RAT FAMILY WHO'S FAR FROM BEING A COWARD,

...ARE

NOT DESERVING OF MY HATRED.

HEY, YOUR RIGHT HAND'S...

...? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING..

THE FAMILY OF THE CAT...

WAS DEFINED AS BECOMING YOUKAI OUT OF THE HATRED TOWARDS THE RAT FAMILY.

MEANING WE'RE YOUKAI ORIGINATING FROM THE HATRED FOR THE RAT.

I STOPPED HATING.

WHICH IS WHY...

I...

WILL DISAPPEAR HERE.

WILL HAVE ITS REASON TO EXIST NEGATED... AND DISAP-PEAR.

A HATEFUL CAT THAT STOPS HATING THE RAT FAMILY

OR AN AZUKARAI THAT DOESN'T WASH BEANS...

LIKE A MAKURA-GAESHI THAT DOESN'T FLIP PIL-LOWS,

THEN HATING ME IS...

IF THAT'LL PUT US EVEN A LITTLE MORE ON EQUAL TERMS,

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LIVE BECAUSE I WAS HATED, THEN YOU SHOULD HATE ME AS YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE

SO.. SO YOU MEAN THAT IF YOU KEEP HATING THE NEKUNI FAMILY, YOU WON'T DISAPPEAR?

DISAP-PEAR...?

OF...

HATING YOU.

I NO LONGER HAVE ANY INTENTION...

NO LONGER HAVE IT

I CAN'T DO THAT.

...IF

I DON'T WANT TO BE DRIVEN BY THIS DISGUSTING THING INSIDE ME

TO HATE ANYONE ANYMORE.

LIKE THAT GIRL FROM THE OX FAMILY.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT...

ANYMORE.

KEPT SCREAMING ITS HATE FOR THE RAT FAMILY, AND TRIED TO FILL MY HEAD WITH HATE.

BUT THE FITS OF IMPULSE I HAD, THANKS TO MY PART OF THE BODY THAT'S A HATEFUL CAT,

IF... I WERE TO HATE YOU,

I WOULD WANT TO HATE YOU OF MY OWN FREE WILL...

...NO, THAT'S NO GOOD!!

SHE WANTS TO DISAPPEAR BECAUSE SHE CAN'T STAND HER SELF?

BUT IS SHE GOING TO DISAPPEAR FOR REAL THIS TIME?

IT'S COMMON FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE TIMES THEY'D WANT TO DISAPPEAR.

HOW RUDE!

H-HO-HO-

!?

I-I NEVER EVER SP-

SPOKE

TO A BOY BEFO...

DON'T

GET CLOSE

WH

!?

WHA-WHA!?

YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, BJT I BET YOJ JJST NEVER GOT USED TO MEN.

...IT'LL BE FINE

IF I GET YOU TO HATE ME, RIGHT?

I HA

HATE

PE-

PEOPLE LIKE

YOU.

AND TRY TO BE FORCEFUL?

WHA-

SO, DO YOU HATE MEN WHO LEAVE YOU IN A CROWD OF PEOPLE

WAI

HYAH!?

JUST ENOUGH FOR HER TO HATE ME.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

WHA-

LISTEN.

THIS IS SOMETHING I'M DOING OUT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

SO IF YOU HATE IT,

THEN HATE ME.

AH-

S... SO-

WHA-

WH-WH-WHA

DID YOU JUST-

WHAT

.....?

AN EXTREMELY UNUSUAL CAT-EARED YOUKAI GIRL WAS HERE,

SO I JUST TOOK HER LIPS OUT OF CURIOSITYYY!

!!

HAHA HAAA!

HA...

THAT'S GOOD.

IN SHORT...

...SO

A COWARDICE THAT KNOWS NO LIMITS!

AND IT WAS A SURPRISE ATTACK TOO, HOW COWARDLY!

SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I'M NOT DESERVING OF YOUR HATE!

IF YOU HATE ME FOR THIS,

THIS HATE WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO OF US.

HE'S TRYING TO CONNECT WITH ME AND MY HATRED.

BUT HE'S...

TO EXPECT SOMETHING AND TO BE REJECTED,

YOU'D GRADUALLY SCRATCH THESE THINGS TO DRIVE THEM AWAY FROM YOURSELF.

EVERYTHING WOULD BE FINE IF YOU DIDN'T ASSOCIATE WITH ANYONE

BECAUSE IF YOU DID, YOU'D MEET A HATEFUL END

THAT THAT WAS YOUR FIRST KSS...?
COULD IT BE...

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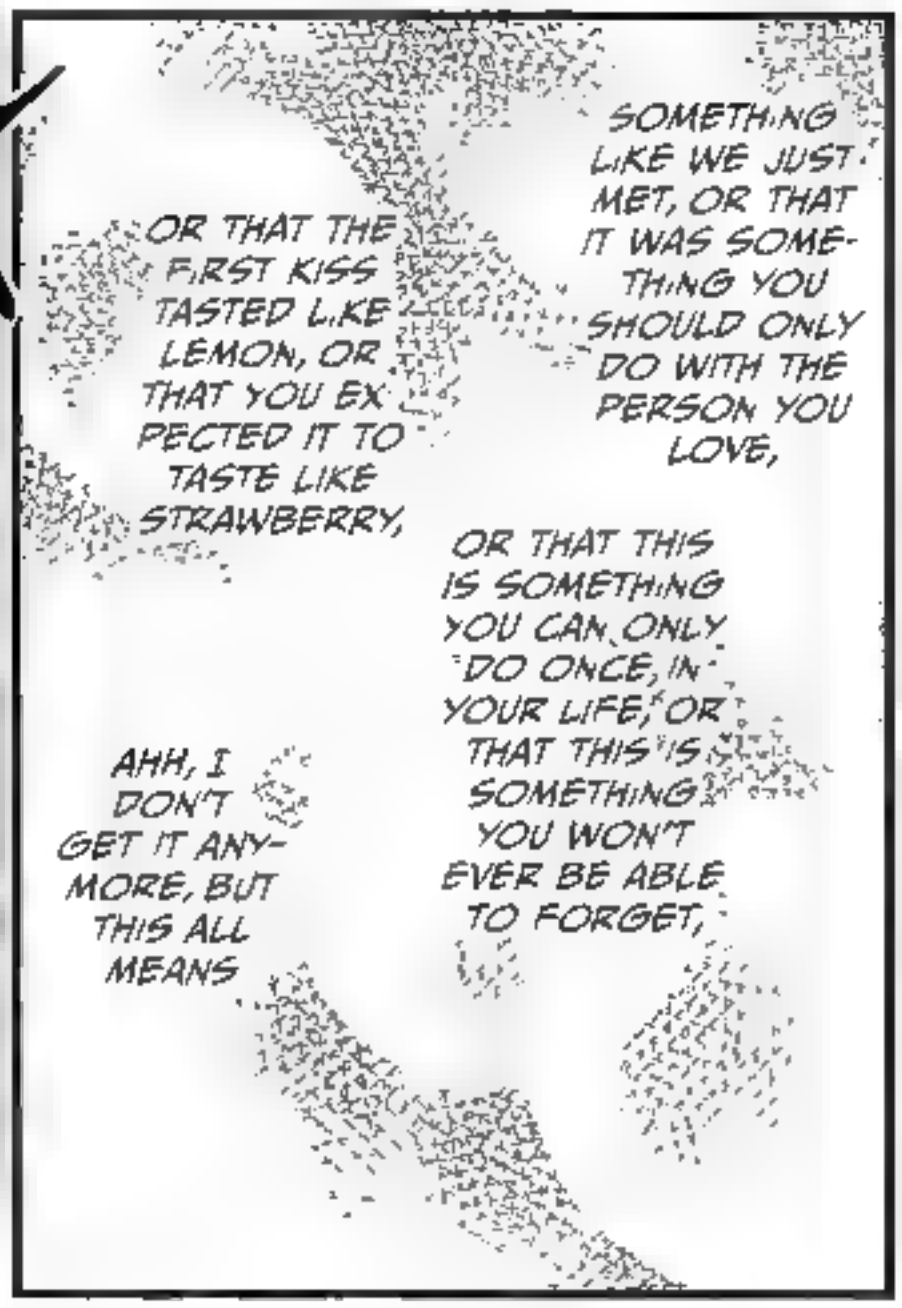
AND FORCED ME ONTO A TREE WHILE ASKING ME INSENSITIVE THINGS...
WAS SPEAKING EXTREMELY INSENSITIVELY LIKE HE WAS CONCERNED,
SUDDENLY DRAGGED ME AROUND,
LEFT ME ALONE IN A CROWD,
..RIGHT, HE
..? You alright?

THIS ALL MEANS...!!


OR THAT THE FIRST KISS TASTED LIKE LEMON, OR THAT YOU EXPECTED IT TO TASTE LIKE STRAWBERRY,
SOMETHING LIKE WE JUST MET, OR THAT IT WAS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD ONLY DO WITH THE PERSON YOU LOVE,
OR THAT THIS IS SOMETHING YOU CAN ONLY DO ONCE, IN YOUR LIFE, OR THAT THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO FORGET,
AHH, I DON'T GET IT ANYMORE, BUT THIS ALL MEANS

AND TO TOP IT OFF, HE... HEEE... DID THAT...!!

YOU DAMN IDIOT!!

THAT YOU'RE HATE-FUL,

!!?

HO-

HOLD...

TH-

IS THIS

IT... IT WAS MY

IT WAS MY FIRST!

YOUR FIRST IS

FOR THE PERSON YOU LOVE...!

UAH... AHHH...!

BAD-

HOW...

HOW HATE-FUL...

...MY ARM...

THE HATRED HAS RE-TURNED...?

.....

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...KYOU-
ICHI.

YOU-
?
YOUR NA...
NAME WAS...
IT'S KYOUICHI.

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I...
I'LL DEFINITELY HAVE MY REVENGE...
NEKUNI KY...
KYO... KY...
KYOUICHI.
RIGHT.
THIS SHOULD MAKE US A BIT EVEN,
NEKOGASAKI NATSUHO.

...IN THE END,

I-idi-id-idi-ot-idi-

Oh yeah, did it hurt when our teeth hit?

AND MY FAMILY'S HATRED KEPT SMOLDERING INSIDE ME, LIKE BEFORE.

MY HATRED FOR THE RAT FAMILY DIDN'T GO AWAY.

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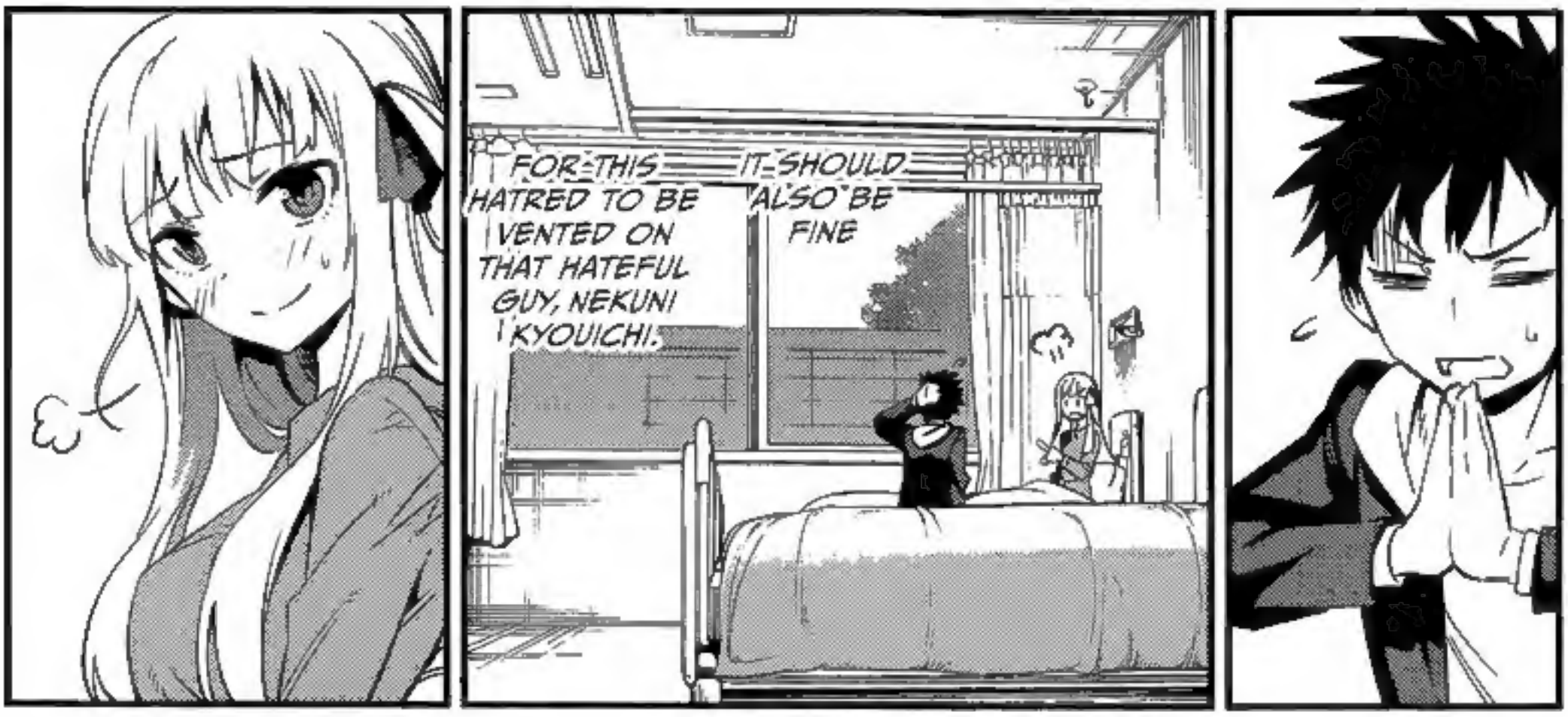
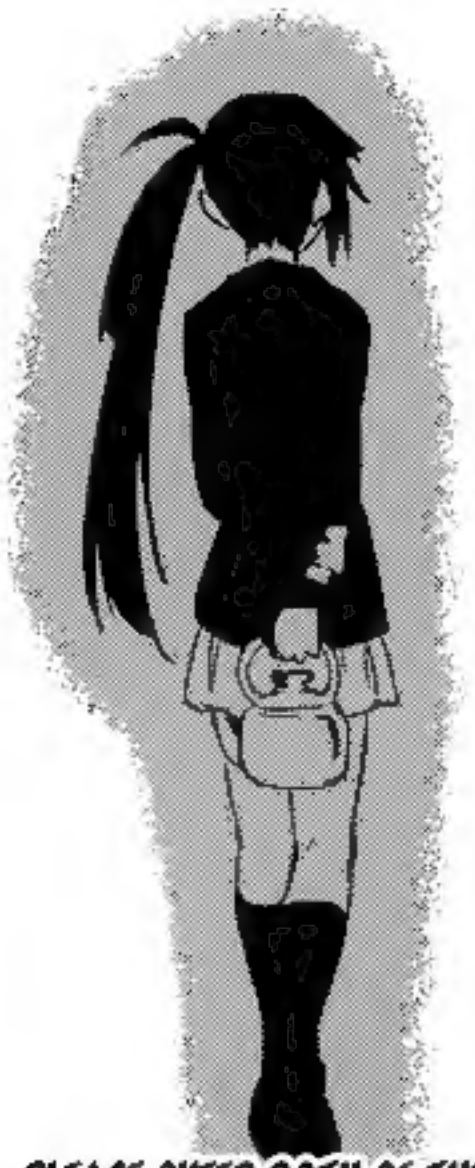
BUT I THINK THAT A BIT OF THIS SMOLDERING HAS FOUND WHAT IT'S MEANT TO BE USED FOR.



I BECAME A BIT CONNECTED TO HIM.



PLEASE CHEER BOTH OF THEM ON!

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